

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph 3, page 2 of the specification to read as follows:

This is a continuation ~~in part~~ of Serial No. 10/339,902 filed January 10, 2003 for "Low Slung Tool Carrier", now U.S. Patent No. 6,712,251 issued March 30, 2004, which is a division of Serial No. 09/921,125 filed August 2, 2001 for "Low Slung Tool Carrier" which is a continuation in part of Serial No. 09/359,339 filed July 21, 1999 for "Tool Belt" (now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,390,348), and provisional application Serial No. 60/222,713 filed August 3, 2000 for "Low Slung Tool Carrier" (abandoned) all of which are incorporated herewith by reference and for which priority is claimed.

Please amend paragraph 66 on pages 15-16 of the specification to read as follows:

Figure 14 illustrates another feature associated with the pouches that may be incorporated, for example, in the embodiment of Figure 10 of the invention. The pouches, for example, pouch 108 and pouch 118 each include general planar backside panel, for example, panel 190 having a series of hook and loop strips 192 and 194 incorporated thereon on the inside of the back panel 190. A folding flap 196, a second folding flap 198 may be folded over the hook or loop sections 192 and 194, respectively, in the manner depicted, for example, in Figure 15. This will preclude the hook and loop mechanism 192, 194 from being irritating or interfere with the use and attachment when on a belt. However, the pouches 108 and 118 may be joined back to back by engagement of the hook and loop elements 192 and 194, for example, in the manner depicted in Figure 19. If so joined in the manner depicted in Figure ~~149~~ 19, the rings 114, 116, 124 and 126 will be aligned with one another so that a handle and carry strap 200 may be attached thereto. In particular the end buckle elements 202 and 204 may be attached to rings 114 and 124. The buckle element 204 can then join the rings 116 and 126. The strap 200 includes a handle 210. Alternatively, as depicted, for example, in Figure 20, the strap 200 may include a shoulder pad 212. The strap ~~212~~ 200 may be adjusted in length by adjustment of a slide adjustment mechanism 214. The strap 200 may be used in combination with a pair of pouches as depicted, for example, in Figure 19 or with a single pouch, for example, as depicted in Figure 20.